

National Federation of Plus Areas

8th Annual General Meeting

(73rd Annual National Conference)


Agenda (2nd Draft)

Saturday 22nd February 2014

Held at the Beverley Hotel, Walsall
Assemble for a prompt 10.00am start

| Item | Description | Introduced by | Time Allocated |
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| 1 | Chairman's Welcome to Delegates | NC | 10.00 – 10.05 |
| 2 | The Presidential Address By Vice President | VP | 10.05 – 10.15 |
| 3 | Election of Tellers | HGS | 10.15 – 10.20 |
| 3.1 | Nomination of Four Volunteers from the Observers | | |
| 3.2 | Determining Voting Strength | | |
| 4 | Election of Ballot Counters | HGS | 10.20 – 10.25 |
| 4.1 | Nominations of two Volunteers from the Observers | | |
| 5 | Apologies for Absence | HGS | 10.25 – 10.30 |
| 6 | Acceptance of the minutes of the 7 th Annual General Meeting at the Beverley Hotel on 20 th April 2013 | HGS | 10.30 – 10.45 |
| 6.1 | Points of Accuracy | HGS | |
| 7 | Matters Arising Thereon | | |
| 8 | Presentation and Acceptance of the Federations Reports for the year 2013 | NC | 10.45 – 11.15 |
| 9 | Presentation and Acceptance of the Federations Accounts for the year 2013 | NFO | 11.15-11.30 |
| | Break | | 11.30-11.45 |
| 10 | Election of National Chairman to serve from 1 st March 2014 | DNC | 11.45 – 12.00 |
| 11 | Election of National Officers to serve from 1 st March 2014 | NC | 12.00 – 12.45 |
| 11.1 | Honorary General Secretary | | |
| 11.2 | National Finance Officer | | |
| 11.3 | National Training Officer | | |
| 11.4 | National Activities Co-ordinator | | |
| 11.5 | National Public Relations Officer | | |
| 11.6 | National Internet Co-ordinator | | |
| 11.7 | National Publications Officer/Plus News Editor | | |
| 11.8 | NEC Administrator | | |
| | Lunch | | 13.00 – 14.00 |

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| 12 | Motions for Debate | | |
| 12.1 | <p>Motion – Living Within Our Means</p> <p>To encourage National to live within its means and to encourage the use of electronic meetings technology, it is proposed to amend the constitution such that:</p> <p>The total cost of NEC and related expense expenditure does not exceed £1000 per year.</p> <p>National does not spend more than it's income in any given year without prior consent of a general meeting of the organisation.</p> <p>This requires the following amendments to the National Constitution:</p> <p>Delete part 4.3.3.</p> <p>Existing parts 4.3.4. to 4.3.10. will be numerically incremented to read 4.3.6. to 4.3.12. so as to create a space for the insertion of the following new parts:</p> <p>4.3.3. The NEC will ensure that the total annual cost of NEC expenses, including all travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses, whether general or associated with a specific event, and including those of any committee appointed under Articles 6.2, 6.3 and 6.8, is limited to £1000 per year.</p> <p>4.3.4. The NEC will ensure that total national expenditure shall not exceed the amount received from the Area levy and other national level income, without such additional expenditure having been agreed in advance by a majority of the Areas after due debate at their Area meetings or by a National AGM or National EGM.</p> <p>4.3.5. All moneys raised by or on behalf of the Federation shall be applied to further the Purposes of the Federation and for no other purpose PROVIDED THAT nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Federation or the repayment to members of the NEC or of any committee appointed under Articles 6.2, 6.3 and 6.8 of reasonable out of pocket expenses, not exceeding the annual total laid down in 4.3.3</p> <p>Proposed: Hillingdon Seconded: Stevenage</p> <p>75% Majority Required MOTION LOST</p> | | 14.00 – 14.15 |

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| 12.2 | <p>Midland Area mandate the NEC to investigate returning back to National Lead with the following parameters to be considered;</p> <p>A) Single tier structure culminating in a full National Committee to be made up as follows;</p> <p>B) Online payments of membership including the option of direct and/or via Groups</p> <p>C) Possibility of buying/renting accommodation for head quarters to be re-established</p> <p style="text-align: right;">50% Majority Required MOTION CARRIED</p> | | 14.15 – 14.30 |
| 12.3 | <p>Southern area proposes that  dismantle the National Tier and that includes all NEC meetings and replace then two open meetings which will be organized and funded by the areas</p> <p style="text-align: right;">75% Majority Required MOTION CARRIED</p> | | 14.30 - 14.45 |
| 12.4 | <p>To amend the constitution such that:</p> <p>Motions amending the constitution may only be moved at an AGM or EGM;</p> <p>Motions not amending the constitution may be moved at an NEC meeting, or an AGM or EGM.</p> <p>This requires the following amendments to the National Constitution:</p> <p>delete part 7.2.3 delete part 8.3</p> <p>replace the whole of part 8.6.2 with:</p> <p>8.6.2 Only motions not amending the constitution may be moved at an NEC meeting other than a National Annual General Meeting or a National Extraordinary General Meeting.</p> <p>8.6.3 Motions amending the constitution may only be moved at a National Annual General Meeting or National Extraordinary General Meeting.</p> <p>delete parts 8.6.4 to 8.6.7 delete part 13.1.1.3</p> <p>and to the National Standing Orders:</p> <p>delete part 5.4.9 delete part 6.2.2</p> | | 14.45 – 15.00 |

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| | delete part 6.2.3 delete part 6.2.5 Proposed: NTAC 75% Majority Required | MOTION CARRIED | |
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| 12.5 | To give the NEC the sole power to set the area levy. This requires that part 4.2.1 of the National Constitution be amended to read “The annual membership fee for Member Areas shall be determined by the NEC from time to time” Proposed: NTAC 75% Majority Required | MOTION LOST | 15.00 – 15.15 |
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| | Break | | 15.00 – 15.30 |
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| 13 | Facility for National Debate | | |
| 13.1 | Are the democratic processes of the organisation being best served by the AGM and NEC meetings still being held in the West Midlands, now that this is no longer the geographic centre of the organisation ? Would the Northampton / Milton Keynes area now be more appropriate ? | Erik Bean | 15.30 – 15.45 |
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| 13.2 | Direct Membership (Southern Area) | | 15.45 – 16.00 |
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| 14 | Announcement of Election Results of National Chairman to serve from 1 st March 2014 | HGS | 16.00 – 16.05 |
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| 15 | Announcement of Results of Election Results of the National Officers to serve from 1 st March 2014 | NC | 16.05 – 16.15 |
| | Honorary General Secretary | | |
| | National Finance Officer | | |
| | National Training Officer | | |
| | National Activities Co-ordinator | | |
| | National Public Relations Officer | | |
| | National Internet Co-ordinator | | |
| | National Publications Officer/Plus News Editor | | |
| | NEC Administrator | | |
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| 16 | National Chairman Address | | 16.15 – 16.20 |
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| 17 | Elections of Honorary Officials | | 16.20 – 16.25 |
| 17.1 | Independent Examiner of the 2014 Accounts | | 16.30 – 16.35 |

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| 17.2 | Vice Presidents | | 16.35 – 16.40 |
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| 18 | Any Other Urgent Business (Not Promotion of Events) | | 16.40 – 16.45 |
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| 19 | Announcement of the Date of the Annual General Meeting 2015 | | 16.45 – 16.50 |
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| 20 | Presidential Closing Address by Vice President | | 16.50 – 16.55 |
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| 21 | Closure of the meeting by the National Chairman | | 16.55 – 17.00 |